

A: Cys Gly Pro Gly Arg Gly Pro Val Gly Arg Arg Arg Tyr Ala Arg Lys 16
 B: _____
 C: Val
 D: Phe () ... Lys ... His Pro Lys ...
 E: _____

A: Gln Leu Val Pro Leu Leu Tyr Lys Gln Phe Val Pro Gly Val Pro Glu 32
 B: _____
 C: Ser Met
 D: () ... Thr ... Ala ... Ile ... Asn ... Ala ...
 E: _____

A: Arg Thr Leu Gly Ala Ser Gly Pro Ala Glu Gly Arg Val Ala Arg Gly 48
 B: _____
 C: Thr
 D: Lys ... Arg Tyr ... Lys Ile Ser ... Asn
 E: _____

A: Ser Glu Arg Phe Arg Asp Leu Val Pro Asn Tyr Asn Pro Asp Ile Ile 64
 B: _____
 C:
 D: ... Lys Glu ... Thr ...
 E: _____

A: Phe Lys Asp Glu Glu Asn Ser Gly Ala Asp Arg Leu Met Thr Glu Arg 80
 B:
 C:
 D: ... Thr ... Gln ...
 E: _____ Arg ... Gln ...

A: Cys Lys Glu Arg Val Asn Ala Leu Ala Ile Ala Val Met Asn Met Trp 96
 B:
 C:
 D: ... Asp Lys Leu ... Ser ... Gln ...
 E: ... Asp ... Leu ... Ser ... Ser ... Gln ...

A: Pro Gly Val Arg Leu Arg Val Thr Glu Gly Trp Asp Glu Asp Gly His 112
 B:
 C:
 D: ... Lys ...
 E: ... Lys ...

A: His Ala Gln Asp Ser Leu His Tyr Glu Gly Arg Ala Leu Asp Ile Thr 128
 B:
 C:
 D: ... Ser Glu Glu ... Val ...
 E: ... Ser Glu Glu ... Val ...

A:	Thr	Ser	Asp	Arg	Asp	Arg	Asn	Lys	Tyr	Gly	Leu	Leu	Ala	Arg	Leu	Ala	144
B:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
C:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
D:	...	...	...	...	...	...	Ser	...	...	...	Met	...	...	...	...	...
E:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

A:	Val	Glu	Ala	Gly	Phe	Asp	Trp	Val	Tyr	Tyr	Glu	Ser	Arg	Asn	His	Ile	160
B:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Gly	...	<hr/>				
C:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
D:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	Ala	...	...	...
E:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Lys	Ala	...	Val	...	

A:	His	Val	Ser	Val	Lys	Ala	Asp	Asn	Ser	Leu	Ala	Val	Arg	Ala	Gly	Gly	176
B:	<hr/>																
C:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
D:	...	Cys	...	...	...	Ser	Glu	...	...	Val	...	Ala	Lys	Ser	...	...
E:	...	Cys	...	...	...	Ser	Glu	His	...	Ala	...	Ala	Lys	Thr	...	...

REFERENCE FIGURE 1. Sequence comparison of hedgehog proteins by this invention and others.

A, human mature Desert hedgehog protein by this invention (SEQ ID NO:1=residues Cys1-Gly176 of amino acid sequence aligned with SEQ ID NO:7); B, a part of human Desert hedgehog protein by Drummond; C, mouse Desert hedgehog protein by Ingham et al. (US PAT NO.5,884,079, SEQ ID NO:9, Cys23-Gly198); D, human Sonic hedgehog protein by Ingham et al. (US'079, SEQ ID NO:13, Cys24-Gly197); E, a part of human Indian hedgehog protein by Ingham et al. (US'079, SEQ ID NO:14, Arg1-Gly103).

Triplet dot means an amino acid residue identical with that of the sequence A. At the position with parentheses, a gap is introduced. Unidentified portions are shown as thin lines.